## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.      (Currently Amended)  Device comprising a conveyance device for conveying containers, to which at least one control unit of a corresponding exchangeable labeling unit for containers may be connected via one of multiple plug receptacles that are provided on the conveyance device, each of the plug receptacles having assigned thereto a preset address information stored within a memory of the conveyance device, wherein the address information is an IP-address;

and wherein the address information assigned to a first one of the plug receptacles differs from the address information assigned to a second one of the plug receptacles; and

wherein, when a control unit of a labeling unit is connected to any one of the plug receptacles, the preset address information assigned to this plug receptacle can be transmitted to the control unit of the labeling unit; and

wherein at least identification data of the labeling unit can be transmitted to the conveyance device, the identification data being identity information of the control unit of the labeling unit, including at least an electronic nameplate of the labeling unit, the electronic nameplate including the type of machine, the commission number or the software version number of the labeling unit, the identification data distinguishing the labeling unit from at least one other labeling unit.

2.      (Canceled)

3.      (Currently Amended)  Device comprising a conveyance device for conveying containers, and an exchangeable labeling unit having a respective control unit that is connectable to one of multiple plug receptacles of a conveyance device for labeling the containers; and

wherein after connecting the control unit of the labeling unit to the conveyance device via the plug receptacle, preset address information assigned to this plug receptacle can be transmitted to the control unit, wherein the address information is an IP-address stored within a memory of the conveyance device,

and wherein the address information assigned to a first one of the plug receptacles differs from the address information assigned to a second one of the plug receptacles; and

wherein at least identification data of the labeling unit can be transmitted to the conveyance device, the identification data being identity information of the control unit of the labeling unit, including an electronic nameplate of the labeling unit, the electronic nameplate including the type of machine, the commission number or the software version number of the labeling unit, the identification data distinguishing the labeling unit from at least one other labeling unit.

4.      (Canceled)

5.      (Currently Amended)  Device according to Claims 1[[, 2]] or 3, wherein the conveyance device has a memory for several items of address information which can be transmitted.

6.      (Currently Amended)  Device according to Claims 1[[, 2]] or 3, wherein at least two different connecting lines are provided which connect a control unit of the conveyance device and the control unit of a labeling unit, and wherein one connecting line is provided for transmitting address information and the other connecting line is provided at least for transmitting the identification data.

7.      (Currently Amended)  Device according to Claims 1[[, 2]] or 3, wherein the labeling unit has a memory for adjustable address information.

8.      (Currently Amended)  Device according to Claims 1[[, 2]] or 3, wherein the conveyance device is connected to an internal computer network.

9.      (Currently Amended)  Device according to Claims 1[[, 2]] or 3, wherein the conveyance device has an Internet connection.

10.     (Currently Amended)  Device according to Claims 1[[, 2]] or 3, wherein any one of any type of data, instructions, synchronization data, information about a machine state, information about a label supply, a glue supply, commands, software, program modules, and any combination thereof can be transmitted in either direction between the conveyance device and the labeling unit.

11.     (Currently amended)  Method for connecting an exchangeable labeling unit for labeling containers to a conveyance device for conveying the containers, comprising connecting a control unit of the labeling unit to the conveyance device via one of multiple plug receptacles provided on the conveyance device, wherein each of the plug receptacles has assigned thereto a preset address information[[;]] stored within a memory of the conveyance device, and wherein the address information is an IP-address,

and wherein the address information assigned to a first one of the plug receptacles differs from the address information assigned to a second one of the plug receptacles; and

transmitting from the conveyance device to the control unit of the labeling unit the preset address information assigned to the plug receptacle via which the control unit of the labeling unit is connected to the conveyance device; and

thereafter transmitting at least identification data from the control unit of the labeling unit to the conveyance device, the identification data being identity information of the control unit of the labeling unit, including an electronic nameplate of the labeling unit, the electronic nameplate including the type of machine, the commission number or the software version number of the labeling unit, the identification data distinguishing the labeling unit from at least one other labeling unit.


12.     (Canceled)


13.     (Previously Presented)  Method according to Claim 11, wherein transmitting the identification data and the address information are carried out over various connections.


14.     (Previously Presented)  Method according to Claims 11 or 13, wherein after transmitting the identification data, transmitting any one of any type of data, instructions, synchronization data, information about a machine state, information about a label supply, a glue supply, commands, software, program modules, and any combination thereof in either direction between the conveyance device and the labeling unit.


15.     (Previously Presented)  Device according to claim 6, wherein the one connecting line is provided exclusively for the address information.